

January 12-18, 2015
Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

Temps started out below freezing this week and birds were grouped in large numbers on deeper water areas. Many birds moved out of areas where water was completely frozen. With warmer temperatures projected this weekend, the ice should thaw, opening more areas for birds to move around. Please use caution while on the water.

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	81,800 ducks 2,500 WFG 4,820 CG 1,000 Snow geese 43 eagles	95% mallards, 3% gadwalls, 1% wigeons, 1% other ducks	Ice on most shallow water areas. The area is being pumped and is close to full pool. Most waterfowl are in Big Turner and Mitchell Lakes, and the rest scattered into small pools.
Barren River Lake	50 ducks 35 CG	75% Mallards, 25% Divers (75% mergansers, 25% redheads)	All ponds iced over and a third of the lake, about 350 SHCs feeding in the Winn School area, mallards at Calvert Springs MSU
Birdsville Island	No count		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	No Count		
Duck Island	No count		
Boatwright WMA	10 ducks 10 Geese		Ice on Swan Unit and most shallow water areas.
Doug Travis WMA	2,300 Ducks	95% mallards, 5% mixed dabblers and ring-necks	Area 85% covered in ice. Wells running to flood additional acreage and keep water open.
Clear Creek WMA	No Count		
Peabody WMA	2,499 ducks 105 CG 25 American Coots 3 Mute Swans	90% mallards	

Sloughs WMA	12,700 1,288 CG 10,050 W-F geese 8,000 Snow geese 105 Tundra Swans	85-90% mallard, others were gadwalls, northern shovelers, northern pintails, and American black ducks	Most of the water is still frozen. Birds have been able to keep pockets of water open on the refuge and are mostly concentrated in those areas.
Yellowbank WMA	No ducks		All units are covered with ice
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	No Count		
Herrington Lake	No Count		
Taylorsville Lake	No Count		
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	No Count		
Green River WMA	No Count		
Cave Run Lake	No Count		